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Fraud may be predicated on a false introduction or identification.¹ Forgery is a method of impersonating an owner of funds and is therefore a species of fraud.² One who represents himself or herself to be another, the owner of certain property, and who feigns to dispose of such property, commits a gross fraud.³ Also, one who aids another's impersonation by identifying a person as the person he or she claims to be is also guilty of fraud.⁴

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Footnotes

- ¹ [Union Co. v. Cobb](#), 73 Ohio L. Abs. 155, 136 N.E.2d 429 (Ct. App. 10th Dist. Franklin County 1955); [Raser v. Moomaw](#), 78 Wash. 653, 139 P. 622 (1914).
- ² [Eliason v. Wilborn](#), 335 Ill. 352, 167 N.E. 101, 68 A.L.R. 350 (1929), *aff'd*, 281 U.S. 457, 50 S. Ct. 382, 74 L. Ed. 962 (1930); [Union Co. v. Cobb](#), 73 Ohio L. Abs. 155, 136 N.E.2d 429 (Ct. App. 10th Dist. Franklin County 1955). As to criminal liability for false personation or forgery, see [Am. Jur. 2d, False Personation §§ 1 to 6](#); [Am. Jur. 2d, Forgery §§ 1 to 4](#).
- ³ [Montgomery Garage Co. v. Manufacturers' Liability Ins. Co.](#), 94 N.J.L. 152, 109 A. 296, 22 A.L.R. 1224 (N.J. Ct. Err. & App. 1920).
- ⁴ [Raser v. Moomaw](#), 78 Wash. 653, 139 P. 622 (1914) (identification as owner of lot).

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